GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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UNICEF ASSISTED PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project was started with the help of UNICEF,Union Government and the Government of Bihar for a period ofsix years, extended upto 1997-98 for which a sum of Rs.56 crore was made available; and

(b) if so, the objectives of that programme and the extent to which the objectives were achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) The Bihar Education Project was launched by the Government of India and the State Government in1991 with the assistance of Rs.56 crore from UNICEF.

(b) The following are the objectives of the project:

(i) Providing access to primary education for all children upto the age of 14 years.

(ii) Reduction in illiteracy.

(iii) Modification in the education system for serving women & their empowerment.

(iv) Providing equal opportunities to adults and children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the poor.

(v) To improve the working and living conditions of the people through education.

(vi) Special emphasis in all educational activities in science and environment.

The project is now being implemented under District PrimaryEducation Programme, Phase III, of the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy, Ministryof Human Resource Development with the assistance from WorldBank, European Union, etc. The project has been extended to cover 27 Districts of the State. The information about the extent to which the objectives were achieved is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.